

NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON

Philippines Must Wait a While for Independence

WASHINGTON.—Republican leaders in congress have reached a decision to postpone indefinitely the question of granting independence to the Philippines. The decision of the Republican leaders against consideration of the Philippines' plea for independence followed the recent hearing accorded the Philippine commission at a joint session of the house and senate committees on insular affairs. It transpired that few, if any, of the Republican or Democratic members of those committees had been sufficiently impressed by the representations of the delegates to take a stand in favor of freeing the islands at this time.

The general conclusion was that no step in this direction should be taken until more convincing proof has been offered of the ability of the Philippines to stand alone and to continue to maintain the institutions of government and education established by the United States which have wrought such beneficial changes in the islands in 20 years. Moreover, it was deemed inadvisable to take a step of such great moment to these wards of the American republic until the equilibrium of world conditions is restored.

It is now taken for granted that the question of liberating the Philippines will not be considered seriously until the congressional committees shall have visited the islands and made an exhaustive investigation and report to congress.

The Filipino delegation was advised of this status of the matter before leaving Washington, and made no protest. In fact, it transpires that the delegation did not expect to obtain favorable action at this time.

The dispatch of the commission by the Philippine legislature was forced by the minority party in the island, which accused the majority party of lack of aggressiveness in seeking independence.

Fifty-Fifty Pacific Fleet Is New Naval Policy

THE departure of the Pacific fleet marks an epoch in American naval history. For the first time the naval force has been divided with exactly half of its power assigned to guard the western seaboard. For the first time also the strategic value of the canal is to be fully tested when Admiral Hugh Rodman moves his armada through to Pacific waters. And for the first time Americans of the far West are to see with their own eyes the full pomp and power of the navy that has been their pride for years. The main base of the Pacific fleet will be in Puget sound, Washington.

The composition of the Pacific fleet tells its own story. The three most modern ships of the line in the navy, the New Mexico, Idaho and Mississippi, are headed west. Not since President Roosevelt sent the Atlantic fleet to girdle the globe have the people of California, Oregon and Washington seen in their harbors a more powerful and modern fighting craft than the old hero ship Oregon, long out of date and holding her place on the navy list only because of her valiant record. Beside the 30,000 ton flagship of the Pacific fleet the Oregon will be almost a pigmy, and against even the speed of more than 17 knots, which made the old ship queen of the navy for years, Rodman's main fleet, his eight big ships, can maintain about 21 knots for hours at a time, while his destroyers can turn up 35 knots.

The sailing of the great fleet marks a complete change in naval policy. Not while the German fleet existed or while German eyes were leveled covetously at the rich and undeveloped resources of South and Central America could American naval strength have been divided.

Envoys and Rich Gifts, But—No Queen of Sheba

NOVELTY, even in cosmopolitan Washington, was the presentation the other day to President Wilson of the special envoys of Abyssinia, congratulating him on the successful termination of the war and bearing gifts from their empress, Waizeru Zauditu. The Dedjazmatch Nado was the orator. His fellow envoys were the Kantiba Gabrou and the Ato Herouy. The Ato Sinka was secretary and interpreter. The envoys wore red velvet robes, heavy with gold and silver trimmings, and large silk turbans, embroidered with pearls. The address was in part:

"More than 5,000 years have elapsed since the establishment of the Ethiopian government. In the time of David and Solomon this government was well known. The queen of Ethiopia, Macada, ruled over all Sheba at that time. She heard of King Solomon and came to listen to his wisdom and see the country, and as she returned to her own dominion she proclaimed the religion of the living God. From that time until Constantine the Great Ethiopia has believed in God according to the laws of the Old Testament. In the time of Constantine Ethiopia became Christian according to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and since that time has fought for her Christianity and independence against the surrounding Mohammedans and Heathens.

"All the people of Ethiopia, knowing that the United States of America, after securely establishing her own independence, has taken upon herself the wonderful duty of assisting the allies in gaining equal liberty and independence, rejoiced and praised the American people."

The gifts included elephant tusks mounted in solid gold, native garments embroidered in jewels, and a gold box containing letters from the empress and her son, the heir apparent.

National Guard Must Be Reorganized With Care

DETAILS of the plans of the war department for reorganization of the National Guard as approved by Secretary Baker disclose that the states may organize up to their full limit if they desire, but in so far as federal aid is concerned they may only recruit at present up to 200 men for each senator and representative. In emergency the maximum organization could be increased to 800 men for each senator and representative. In a circular letter Secretary Baker says:

"It is the desire of the war department to re-establish the National Guard on a firm and efficient basis and to obtain in the commissioned and enlisted grades a maximum of men with service in the United States army during the great war. To achieve that end it will be necessary that the regulations be fully complied with, and the requirements for admission in the National Guard both for officers and enlisted men fully observed.

"The appointment of officers and enlistment of men who are not suitable for active field service, either for professional or personal reasons, or who would not be able to participate completely and fully in a federal call, will serve only to lower the military efficiency of the National Guard as a whole. The war department requests the earnest co-operation of the several states and territories in making the National Guard an effective force during the period of its reorganization."

Knight in 1908 Is Now Pauper

Pitiful Ending of Career of Sir Luke White, Once Member of Parliament.

BANKRUPT AND A WRECK

Some of His Poor Constituents Lost Their All by Trusting It to Him—War Makes Financial Distress Known.

London.—From a position of affluence, popularity and public service which won him a seat in parliament and a knighthood, Sir Luke White is ending his days as the inmate of a workhouse infirmary in Driffield. Clever enough to rise from poverty to a noted career, injudicious investments brought him low, and at the height of his political power he was forced to confess himself bankrupt. He carried down with him numerous trusting constituents, and his liabilities of \$135,000 included \$95,000 in loans from poor people who had confided their all to him. The shame of having thus wrecked the savings of those who believed in him completely unnerved him. Now he is dependent on public charity, his spirit utterly crushed, and he is one of the most pitiful figures in the north of England.

Began as Office Boy. Born in Delighton, near York, in 1845, he was an office boy at fifteen for a solicitor, who paid him about 90 cents a week. After eight years in that service, of course with increasing income, he became managing clerk for another solicitor in Driffield. In another six years he was admitted to the bar as solicitor, and in the same year he succeeded to the practice of his employer, who had died.

He speedily became known as a local preacher and speaker for a large district, and he was highly popular and successful. For years he was chairman of the local board, and then of the urban district council. Then he went to the East Riding county council. In 1896 he was appointed one of the coroners for East Riding. He acted as election agent for Sir Angus Holden, Liberal member of parliament for the Buckrose division, and when Sir Angus died in 1900 White was chosen as his successor. In 1908 he was knighted.

Popular For Years. He continued to divide his time between his attendance at Westminster and his business in Yorkshire, but as he gave more time to his parliamentary duties than to his private affairs, his practice suffered. The war brought out the fact that he was in financial distress, and last fall he resigned his seat and filed a petition in bankruptcy. It appeared in the bankruptcy proceedings that some of his poor con-

POPULAR IN WASHINGTON



Senorita Olga Eschaurre of Chile, who has been very popular in society circles of the capital during the past winter and spring, is to marry Senor Carlos Uribe, brother of Senor de Ureta, wife of the minister from Colombia.

stituents had confided their money to him to put into war loans.

Friends provided for him for awhile in a sanitarium near Scarborough. When that fund was exhausted he was removed to the workhouse infirmary, which almost adjoins the court in which he formerly practiced.

Keep 300 Job Bureaus Open

Welfare Societies Respond to Appeal of Federal Employment Service.

FIND WORK FOR SOLDIERS

Two Hundred and Sixty-four Offices Already Assured, With Replies From Five States Still to Be Received.

Washington.—So great has been the response of the country to the appeal of the United States employment service to assist in the maintenance of its

used. His tragic misfortune caused a great sensation in East Yorkshire; where for years he had been so well known and liked that in the town of Bridlington particularly his photograph hung on the walls of every other house. He had been eminently a poor man's lawyer.

His fate is now brought afresh to public notice by an action against Herbert Brown, a deputy coroner for the East Riding of Yorkshire, who is charged, jointly with Sir Luke, with having appropriated to the personal use of Sir Luke in 1907 \$1,000 intrusted to them by Witham Hatfield for investment. Sir Luke escapes arraignment owing to his physical and nervous collapse.

Thousands of Cats Are Homeless by Prohibition

New York.—Another of the evils of prohibition has been discovered.

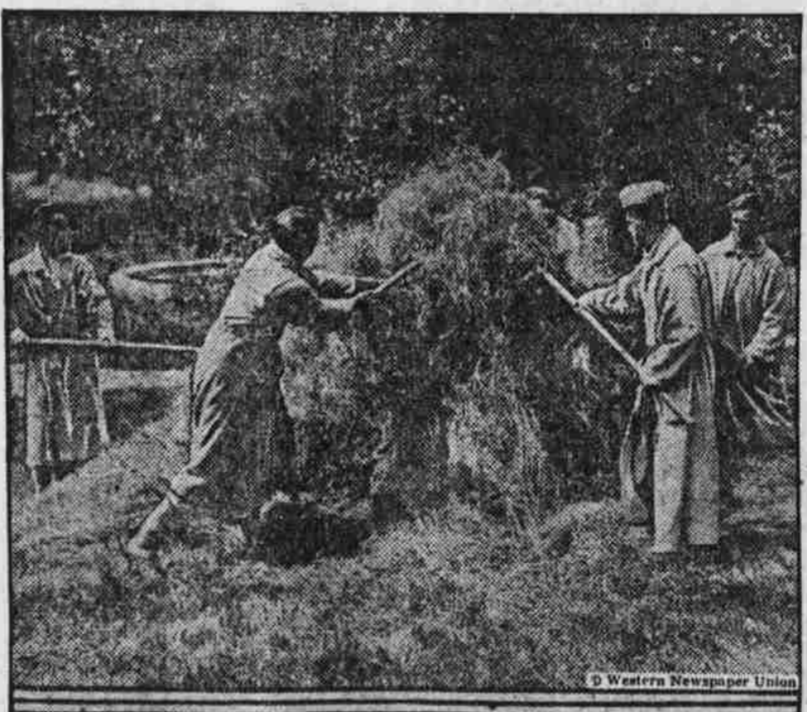
Seven thousand cats have been made homeless in New York by the closing up of the saloons, it is estimated. There were well over 7,000 saloons in New York and, outside the fashionable bars in the big hotels, it is estimated that every bar-room had its cat, some of them more than one.

Now that the saloons are closed the cats are homeless.

Adopt Married Man.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Although he is twenty-four years old and married, Lewis Simmers Walker has secured foster parents, for the Dauphin county court has approved the application of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham P. Simmers to adopt him as their son. Walker has made his home with the aged couple for some years, and they made him their son to escape legal technicalities when they will give him part of their estate.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS LEARN FARMING



Wounded soldiers, convalescing at base hospital No. 1, Gun Hill Road, N. Y., are being given instruction in farming and agriculture. Not only does this help the men regain their strength and health, but provides them with a trade which they may follow after demobilization.

Six Scribbled Words Dispose of Big Estate

New York.—A will of six words, scribbled hastily on the margin of a daily market report four minutes before the testator died, was filed in surrogate's court. The writer was Alexander William Waters, general agent of the American Fruit exchange. With the words, "All I have belongs to Zulma," he left his \$200,000 estate to Zulma Powell, his housekeeper. Mr. Waters had just reached his office on July 3 when he was seized by heart failure.

Must Tell Their Exact Age. Los Angeles, Cal.—Judge F. H. Taft of the superior court has ruled that hereafter when women are asked their ages in his court they must not say, "I'm over twenty-one," but will be required to give the exact years.

Tell the Age of Oceans

Washington.—How old is the ocean? Standing on the shore and looking out over the expanse of water, the ocean seems a fixed and eternal fact, but the seas had a beginning and will have an end. Scientists say that when this time comes the last drop of water will have been absorbed into the earth's crust, its surface will be a desert and all life will become extinct.

The age of the oceans have been estimated by a leading authority, Professor Frank Clarke of the United States Geological survey, at about 90,000,000 years. This, of course, is only an approximation, but is based on carefully studied scientific data.

All the water was once contained in the vapor that surrounded the glowing, slowly cooling mass which is now the earth. After the gases combined to form water the process of making the ocean salt began. This was the work of the rivers. Mineral salts were extracted from the rocks over which

they flow and deposited in the sea. Each year the action of the streams is said to make the ocean slightly more salty, and this is the basis of which its age is calculated. The amount of salt carried by the rivers of the world is computed by the scientists and compared with the total quantity in the ocean. After evaporation and the velocity of currents have been considered, it is possible to calculate how long it has taken to make the sea water as salty as it is today.

About three and a half per cent of mineral salts and 90 per cent of fresh water make up the oceans. Three-fourths of the solid matter is common salt, other ingredients being chloride, sulphate and bromide of magnesium; sulphate and carbonate of lime and sulphate of potash, besides traces of various other minerals and metals, including gold and silver.

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